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BEIRUT FOR RCAA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRN, PK
SUBJECT: CIVAIR -- PIA TO PURCHASE THREE USED BOEING
720B'S

1. CONFIRMING REPORTS IN KARACHI PRESS OF MARCH 12, SENIOR PIA OFFICIAL TOLD CONGENOFF PIA NOW NEGOTIATING WITH WESTERN AIRLINES FOR PURCHASE OF THREE USED BOEING 720B JET AIRCRAFT. WHEN BROUGHT INTO PIA FLEET 720B'S WILL REPLACE FOKKER F-27'S ON ROUTE TO QUETTA AND POSSIBLY MULTAN, AS WELL AS PROVIDING CONTINUING DOMESTIC JET SERVICES TO LAHORE AND ISLAMABAD.

2. TWO 720B'S FROM PRESENT PIA FLEET NOW BEING REPAINTED AND READIED FOR TRANSFER TO AIR MALTA BY APRIL 15. PURCHASE FROM WESTERN AIRLINES WOULD THUS RESULT IN NET ADDITION ONE 720B FOR PIA DOMESTIC SERVICE. ACCORDING TO PIA OFFICIAL, RUNWAY AT QUETTA EASILY CAPABLE OF HANDLING 4-ENGINE JET AIRCRAFT OF 720B TYPE, WHILE SHORTER LENGTH OF RUNWAY AT MULTAN MAY NECESSITATE REDUCTION 720B PAY LOAD. FOKKER F-27'S DIVERTED FROM SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ROUTES WILL
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PROBABLY BE USED FOR INCREASED SERVICES IN NORTH TO GILGIT,

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SKARDU, AND CHITRAL.

3. COMMENT: SEEMS CLEAR PIA DECISION PURCHASE ADDITIONAL 720B'S AT THIS TIME WILL HAVE EFFECT OF POSTPONING PIA PLANS FOR RE-EQUIPMENT DOMESTIC FLEET WITH TWIN JET AIRCRAFT OF BOEING 737 OR DOUGLAS DC-9 TYPE.
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